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UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM****Investigator:** Deb Reagan**Phone:**AZ CORPORATION COMMISSION  
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**Opinion****No.** 2015 - 122287**Date:** 5/7/2015**Complaint Description:**

19L misc line siting

08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

**First:****Last:****Complaint By:****Michael W. and Jane Kranz****Account Name:**

Michael W. and Jane H. Kranz

**Home:****Street:****Work:****City:**

Chandler

**CBR:****State:**

AZ

Zip: 85249

**is:****Utility Company:****Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement & Power District****Division:**

Electric

**Contact Name:**

Linda Coughenour

**Contact Phone:****Nature of Complaint:**

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Customer sent the following -

My husband and I have been home owners in South Chandler for over 10 years. We are writing you in regards to the 230kV line extension proposal recently approved by the ACC's Transmission Line Siting Committee. It calls for overhead 230kV power lines connecting the Schrader Substation near Ocotillo Road and Arizona Ave in Chandler to a new RS-28 Substation north of the Sun Lakes communities. The proposed route is south along the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, crossing Hunt Hwy onto the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC), going west on the Community lands, and then north along the west side of Sun Lakes to RS-28, to be located north of the Sun Lakes communities.

We are not opposed to the project, the route, or the stated purpose. It makes sense to provide the power to where it is currently needed, and to where it will be needed, on the Price Road corridor. It makes sense to partner with GRIC to help them accomplish some of their stated objectives and to support a new solar farm on their lands. But to be clear it does not make sense, however, to permanently impact the aesthetics, the safety, and the property values of homeowners along the route's path who will see absolutely no direct value out of this project. It does not make sense to run overhead 230kV transmission lines adjacent to/through established residential neighborhoods along the railroad tracks from the Schrader Substation to the Hunt Hwy, and also west of the Sun Lakes communities, in order to accomplish stated objectives elsewhere.

If these overhead line sections are actually constructed as proposed, our family views of the mountains, sunrises, and sunsets will be irreparably harmed forever. One of the reasons we purchased in this area is the unobstructed views. Our home values will most assuredly go down, due to a change that has no benefit to the community. Personal safety concerns will certainly arise from those living near the overhead lines, and potential aircraft mishaps will always be a concern from flights in and out of the expanding Gila River Memorial Airport to the west and the Chandler Municipal Airport to the east. Why create a hazard for our community that again

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provides no direct benefit to our neighborhoods? The decision cannot be reversed once approved and built.

Please vote to modify the submitted proposal by burying the lines along the Union Pacific Railroad tracks from the Schrader Substation to the Hunt Hwy, and also west of the Sun Lakes communities. All of us in South Chandler thank you in advance for your positive consideration of this request.

Michael W. and Jane H. Kranz

\*End of Complaint\*

### Utilities' Response:

### Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

Comments entered for the record and filed with Docket Control.

\*End of Comments\*

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Customer sent the following -

I am an Arizona native. I have lived here for 40 years. I purchased my dream home in South Chandler in December of 2003,twelve years ago. I have raised four children in this home and love everything about my city. I am proud to call Chandler home. These feelings are in jeopardy today as we fight to protect our home,our children,and our beautiful Arizona skyline.

SRP and the Chandler City Council has proposed the placement of power poles next to many neighborhoods along the railroad tracks south of Ocotillo all the way down to the Indian Reservation. There are poles along this route as we speak. They are 60 feet tall. The poles they will be putting in are 154 feet tall. These lines will carry power to many new and future businesses along the Price Road Corridor. SRP will also be building a solar farm on the reservation. The power from the solar station will need to be transferred back into the grid. That power will be strung back up these lines into the Schrader substation,as well as others. We are not talking about a small project. We are talking about poles more than double the height and width of the current poles, carrying 1000's more volts of electricity. Picture super industrial, hideously ugly electrical lines filling the sky. Now, imagine this... This is happening 30 yards from my front door. As in across the street from my house. I am NOT the only one affected. There are hundreds of houses along the route. As I stated above,I have lived here for 12 years. It is my biggest investment. Extensive research shows that the value of our homes will decrease anywhere from 10-20% with the placement of these power lines. For my house alone, I will be losing \$70,000 to \$140,000 off the sale price of my home. Now multiply that by the hundreds of families affected. It's a monumental problem. Would you purchase a home under these lines?

Next, and even more terrifying than that....there are many, many studies that prove that these lines are directly related to 60% increases in the occurrence and development of childhood leukemia and other cancers. There are also many studies that debunk this claim. I can find just as many that support it as I can find those that say

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it's false. I don't know about you, but I'm not super happy with the odds that my children will be at risk. Would you let your kids or grandkids play in your yard under these things if there was even a 5% chance that you are putting them at risk? How about a 50% chance? I have four kids. Multiply that by 100's of homes. Now we are in the thousands. Maybe you don't have a kid. Maybe you have a parent with a pacemaker. Will they be able to come over for Thanksgiving dinner, knowing that when they step out of their car, there is a chance that the electrical field could cause an arc in their device? Once again, people will say this is difficult to prove. I'm not sure I'm willing to gamble the safety of my loved ones against that.

Here's the thing....Arizona needs the power. Needing the power is a sign of growth and economic development. All good things. We are not against building these lines. WE ARE AGAINST STRINGING THEM ABOVE OUR HEADS. Bury the lines. Bury them along the railroad track where there is the least disruption to homes and businesses. This is the 21st century. We have the means and technological advances to support keeping our cities beautiful. Arizona does not need industrial, EMF emitting, electrical eyesores filling the skies. I would like a clear view of the mountains. I would like to watch the sunset without these monsters in my view. I would like our residents to be safe. I want the value of our homes to continue to rise.

Many people have turned a blind eye to this problem. There is one good argument to support them. They don't want to pay for it. I get that. SRP just increased our rates in 2014. The costs of living continue to rise. Nobody wants costs to go up. This cost can be amortized over years and years to the million customers that SRP services. It can also defray the cost by using the profits it stands to gain by building a solar farm. Large corporations that need and use this power have the deep pockets to assist in the cost. The City of Chandler needs to step up to protect its residents. I ask you this....Why do a few have to pay for the needs of the many? Why are some homes less important to protect than others? These lines may cost me \$100,000 and the possibility of a kid with cancer. Is that fair? These lines will provide power to all of us. They will support job growth and the businesses we support and the future of green power. It is not ok to ask a few Chandler residents to bare that cost and burden alone.

There is an unfortunate pattern that emerges when people get scared or upset about the consequences of projects such as these. The neighborhoods form alliances and fight amongst each other, begging for the problem to be shifted from their path. "As long as it's not in MY backyard". Isn't it time that we stop throwing our neighbors under the proverbial bus? We must stand as a community, united in our approach. NOBODY wants these lines going by their house. NOBODY.

Growth is inevitable. While this is happening in my backyard today, it could just as easily happen in yours tomorrow. SRP CANNOT be allowed to put these lines through our existing neighborhoods. Bury them. Keep Arizona safe and beautiful. Stand up for my home and my family as if it was your own.

Sincerely,

Lisa Schoneberger  
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